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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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: EXAMINER: HARMON, C.

SERIAL NO: 09/961,137 ✓ :

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 3721

FOR: PACKAGE BAG AND
PACKAGING DEVICE ✓

AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

2. (New) A device for continuously producing a package bag for enclosing an object to be packed, which package bag comprises a film having an easily peelable fusion bonded sealant layer, and thermally sealed side portions to enclose the object to be packed in the package bag, wherein at least one of said thermally sealed side portions along one of said sides is a strippable seal which is associated with an unsealed portion forming stripping margins positioned between said strippable seal and a film edge; and wherein said strippable seal is formed in at least a part of said one of the thermally sealed side portions and extends fully through another one of said thermally sealed side portions, the device comprising: